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FROM AMBASSADOR

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TAGS: EINV, EMIN, EGE, EFIN, CT

SUBJECT: FAREWELL CALL BY DCM SWING

REF: STATE 165402

1. DCM SWING DEPARTED BANGUI ON THE EVENING OF JULY 6. DESPITE VARIOUS INFORMAL EFFORTS TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER PRESIDENT ZOKASSA WOULD RECEIVE HIM FOR A FAREWELL CALL WE WERE UNABLE TO OBTAIN ANY FIRM CONFIRMATION OF IMMINENT AUDIENCE. SINCE SWING HAD BEEN WAITING FOR 10 DAYS ALREADY WE CONCLUDED THAT FURTHER DELAY WOULD NOT BE JUSTIFIED.

2. ASSUMING THAT PRESIDENT FORD WILL BE RESPONDING TO PRESIDENT BOKASSA'S JULY 4 MESSAGE, I WOULD HOPE TO BE ABLE TO USE THAT RESPONSE AS AN OCCASION TO SEEK AN AUDIENCE WITH BOKASSA TO GO OVER THE GENERAL STATE OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS AND SPECIFICALLY TO MAKE THE POINTS ABOUT THE OUTSTANDING ECONOMIC ISSUES WHICH THE DEPT SUGGESTED IN ITS 155447.

3. DURING TWO EXTENDED CONVERSATIONS WITH MINISTER OF STATE FOR THE TREASURY KTYAMBA AND ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER

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GBEZERA-BRIA AT OUR BICENTENNIAL RECEPTION JULY 3,

I INDICATED TO THEM WASHINGTON'S CONCERN ABOUT THE
NEED TO MOVE FORWARD ON THE VARIOUS OUTSTANDING ECONOMIC
PROBLEMS, PARTICULARLY THE NEED TO SETTLE THE COMPENSATION
CLAIMS OF THE AMERICAN OIL COMPANIES AND THE NEED TO DEVELOP PAYMENT
SCHEDULE FOR THE EXIM BANK LOAN. BOTH SAID THAT THEY WOULD
CONVEY THESE VIEWS TO THE PRESIDENT AND WOULD DO WHAT COULD
BE DONE TO MOVE MATTERS FORWARD. KOYAMBA IN
PARTICULAR IS AN INDUSTRIAL ADVISOR BUT ONE CAN NEVER BE
CERTAIN THAT HE WILL PASS MESSAGES ON TO BOKASSA.
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